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SUBJECT

**ORIGIN** 

- 1. During July the Groza Government released from imprisonment an additional 85 Iron Guard leaders. Approximately 165 remain in prison. Among those still confined is Biris, formerly Secretary-General of the Linistry of Propaganda.
- 2. Release of these Iron Guardists was effected under the agreement made with the Groza Government by the legionnaires, led by Professon P. P. Panaitescu, in July 1945. Negotiations for the release of the remaining 165 legionnaire leaders are being conducted by Panaitescu and one Stoica, an inspectorageneral at the Ministry of Finance.
- 3. Stoica expressed the opinion that the Groza Government released the 85 Iron Guardists at this time to indicate that it considered itself bound by the agreement of July 1945, although it had brought to trial for "subversive activities" certain members of the "Brotherhood of the Cruss", a student Iron Guard organization and had arrested some legionnaire in various particle of the country. Certain Iron Guard leaders interpret the carrests as a warning to the legionnaires to behave themselves.
- h. Almost all legionnaires in government employ have been discussed in recent purges of personnel. Every legionnaire employed at the Ministry of Information has been discharged. Appeals to the government by Iron Guard leaders for the reinstatement of their followers have been fruitless.

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